

REMARKS

Applicants filed an Amendment in the above-identified application on October 16, 2003. It has come to the Applicants' attention that, in that Amendment, the phrase, "a hydrogen atom, a protective group or" in the definition of  $R^9$  in claim 1 was inadvertently underlined. That phrase was already present in claim 1 and was intended to be deleted and so should have been struck through.

Accordingly, Applicants have presented the present supplemental Amendment, which properly deletes this phrase from claim 1.

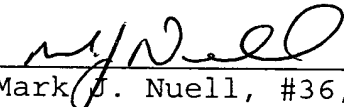
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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